U. S. Assay Office, Melter & Refiner's Department,

New York, Oct 18 1854

Dear Sir

We have no buckskin gloves, and should be glad to receive some from you, so as to supply the present demand, and answer for a pattern to have them made here in future. The tongues and brick pins have not yet come to hand, and until they are rec'd, we shall be obliged to change from wagons to cars & vice versa. Please hurry them on. I have found a difficulty in the parting screws, which I did not anticipate. As the particulars have been sent to the Director, I will not repeat them. I hope to have all right soon, and think I shall be able to produce good results in spite

of the difficulties I have had to encounter.

From a trial of the drying furnaces, I fear that they also will require alteration. They were evidently intended for Coal and with this fuel the front becomes red hot while the hand can be borne on the back. To burn wood in them to the best advantage (that is without sawing it) the furnaces should be much deeper. As they now are, we must use Coal or Sawed wood, and the latter is very dear in New York. I shall give them a good practical trial (with pressed cakes of Silver & gold) before attempting any alteration.

Yours very truly

Edward H. Kent

Prof. J. C. Booth
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